





## ***Lunchbox Love Note***

Inside my lunch  
to my surprise  
a perfect heart-shaped  
love note lies.  
The outside says,  
“Will you be mine?”  
and “Will you be  
my valentine?”  
I take it out  
and wonder who  
would want to tell me  
“I love you.”  
Perhaps a girl  
who’s much too shy  
to hand it to me  
eye to eye.  
Or maybe it  
was sweetly penned  
in private by  
a secret friend  
who found my lunchbox  
sitting by  
and slid the note in  
on the sly.

Oh, I'd be thrilled  
if it were Jo,  
the cute one in  
the second row.  
Or could it be  
from Jennifer?  
Has she found out  
I'm sweet on her?  
My mind's abuzz,  
my shoulders tense.  
I need no more  
of this suspense.  
My stomach lurching  
in my throat,  
I open up  
my little note.  
Then *wham!* as if  
it were a bomb,  
inside it reads,  
"I love you —Mom."